

Remarks

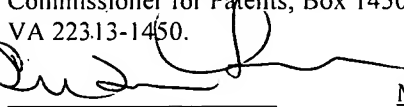
Claims 1 through 12 and 14 through 16 are pending in the above-identified application. The Office Action mailed February 8th, 2006 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 9 and 16 are previously presented. Claim 15 is hereby currently amended. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for pointing out the objection to claim 15; appropriate changes have been made to correct the informality. No new matter has been added. Claims 1 through 12 and 14 through 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in view of U.S. Patent 6,112,203 to Bharat et al. ("Bharat"). Reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks below is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is improperly citing Bharat as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). The present application, U.S. Serial No. 10/057,331 (the "'331 application") and Bharat were, at the time the invention described in the '331 application was made, owned by AltaVista. Therefore, Applicants assert common ownership in accordance with MPEP 706.02(l)(2), disqualifying Bharat as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(c). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 through 12 and 14 through 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103 is respectfully requested in light of the above remarks.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and allowance of all the pending claims is respectfully solicited. To expedite prosecution of this application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the applicants' undersigned representative to discuss any issues relating to the present application.

Dated: May 8, 2006

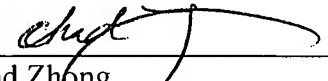
I hereby certify that the correspondence attached herewith is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class Mail with sufficient postage addressed to Mail Stop: Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



Susan Formicola

May 8, 2006
Date

Respectfully submitted,



Chad Zhong
Reg. No. 58,270
BROWN RAYSMAN MILLSTEIN
FELDER & STEINER LLP
900 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10022
Tel : (212) 895-2004
Fax: (212) 895-2900